

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants :	Toshiyuki Takahashi et al.	.	.
Serial No.:	10/589,832	Case No.: BY0037	. Art Unit:
Filed :	April 17, 2006	.	. 1624
For :	NITROGENOUS FUSED HETEROAROMATIC RING	.	. Examiner
	DERIVATIVE	.	. Venkataraman
			. Balasubramanian

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Official action of January 8, 2009, for which a reply is due by April 8, 2009, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response. **Remarks** begin on page 14 of this response.